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B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reporting hardware platform errors, said method comprising:
storing error data corresponding to each hardware platform error in a storage area, wherein the error data includes a flag indicating whether the error data has been reported; and
reporting the error data;
receiving a request from one of the partitions;
providing the error data to the requesting partition;
and
setting the flag corresponding to the provided error data indicating that at least one partition has been notified of the error.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the error data is stored in an error buffer.
4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
receiving the error data at one of the partitions; and
determining whether the errors included in the error data have previously been reported to at least one partition, the determination including analyzing the flag corresponding to each error.
5. (Original) The method as described in claim 4 further comprising:

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transmitting one or more errors included in the error data in response to the determination being that the one or more errors have not previously been reported.

6. (Original) The method as described in claim 4 further comprising:
highlighting one or more errors included in the error data in response to the determination that the one or more errors have not previously been reported; and
displaying the highlighted errors on a display device.
7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
receiving the hardware platform error from a component included in the hardware platform;
setting the flag corresponding to the hardware platform error to indicate that the error has not been provided to at least one of the partitions;
determining an error identifier that corresponds to the error; and
writing the error identifier and the corresponding flag to an error buffer.
8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors, the nonvolatile storage devices including one or more system partitions;

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an error buffer for storing errors detected in the information handling system; and
a error handling tool to manage the detected errors, the error handling tool including:
means for identifying one or more errors corresponding to the information handling system; ~~and~~
means for including error data for each of the errors in the error buffer, wherein the error data includes a flag corresponding to each error indicating whether at least one system partition has been notified of the error;
means for receiving a request from one of the partitions;
means for providing the error data to the requesting partition; and
means for setting the flag corresponding to the provided error data indicating that at least one partition has been notified of the error.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:
means for receiving the error data at one of the system partitions; and
means for determining whether the errors included in the error data have previously been reported to at least one system partition, the determining including analyzing the flag corresponding to each error.

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11. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 10 further comprising:
a network interface for transmitting information to a second computer system; and
means for transmitting one or more errors included in the error data to the second computer using the network interface, the transmitting performed in response to determining that the one or more errors have not previously been reported to at least one system partition.
12. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 10 further comprising:
a display device accessible by the processors;
means for highlighting one or more errors included in the error data in response to determining that the one or more errors have not previously been reported to at least one system partition; and
means for displaying the highlighted errors on a display device.
13. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:
one or more components accessible by the processors;
means for receiving the error from one of the components;
means for setting the flag corresponding to the error to indicate that the error has not been provided to at least one of the system partitions;
means for determining an error identifier that corresponds to the error; and

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means for writing the error identifier and the corresponding flag to the error buffer.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for providing hardware platform errors, said computer program product comprising:
- means for identifying one or more errors corresponding to the hardware platform; and
 - means for including error data for each of the errors in a storage area, wherein the error data includes a flag corresponding to each error indicating whether at least one partition has been notified of the error;
 - means for receiving a request from one of the partitions;
 - means for providing the error data to the requesting partition; and
 - means for setting the flag corresponding to the provided error data indicating that at least one partition has been notified of the error.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein the error data is stored in an error buffer.

17. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 further comprising:

- means for receiving the error data at one of the partitions; and

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means for determining whether the errors included in the error data have previously been reported to at least one partition, the determining including analyzing the flag corresponding to each error.

18. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further comprising:

means for transmitting one or more errors included in the error data in response to the determining that the one or more errors have not previously been reported.

19. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further comprising:

means for highlighting one or more errors included in the error data in response to the determining that the one or more errors have not previously been reported; and

means for displaying the highlighted errors on a display device.

20. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 14 further comprising:

means for receiving the error from a component included in the hardware platform;

means for setting the flag corresponding to the error to indicate that the error has not been provided to at least one of the partitions;

means for determining an error identifier that corresponds to the error; and

means for writing the error identifier and the corresponding flag to an error buffer.